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SUBJECT: WAHID ABDULLAH VISIT

1. EFFORTS TO OBTAIN BRIEF APPOINTMENT FOR ABDULLAH WITH PRESIDENT UNSUCCESSFUL. AFTERNOON OCTOBER 23 DEPSEC RUSH RECEIVED ABDULLAH AND EXPLAINED PRESIDENT'S PRESSING SCHEDULE PRECLUDED APPOINTMENT. ABDULLAH DECLINED DEPSEC'S OFFER FOR DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DAOUD. HE INDICATED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION BUT SAID THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN THIS IN KABUL.

2. DEPUTY SECRETARY AND ABDULLAH REVIEWED U.S.-AFGHAN RELATIONS AND AFGHAN RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORS AT SOME LENGTH, FOLLOWED BY SECOND MEETING WITH ACTING DEP ASST SECY LAINGEN. THESE CONVERSATIONS WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY. LAINGEN STRESSED THAT ABDULLAH'S INABILITY TO SEE PRESIDENT SHOULD IN NO WAY BE INTERPRETED THAT USG COOL TO AFGHANISTAN OR NEW REGIME, AND THAT OUR CLOSE, FRIENDLY RELATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE.

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